

Research Analyst

Location: Oxford (though exceptional candidates could work remotely by negotiation)

Salary: £15K per annum

Hours: Full time

Centre for Effective Altruism

Centre for Effective Altruism is a charity that aims to help others as much as possible. Its two most prominent projects to date are Giving What We Can and 80,000 Hours.

Giving What We Can is an international society currently dedicated to the elimination of poverty in the developing world. Its community of members donate at least ten percent of their incomes to the most cost-effective charities, which are determined through extensive comparative analysis.

80,000 Hours is a community that encourages people to become effective altruists.

Effective altruists are individuals who dedicate their careers to helping others, and try to make their help as effective as possible.

Context

The Centre for Effective Altruism is a young, exciting, and rapidly expanding organisation that is currently considering taking on new staff. The organisation's mission is to do the most additional good it can. We are looking for strategic analysis with skills in mathematical modelling and consequentialist-flavoured argumentation to help us determine the strategic direction of our organisation.

Role

The successful applicant will be able to contribute to some or all of the following efforts:

- Strategic research to determine what techniques our organisations should use and which directions our organisation should be moving in to create the most positive change
- Cost-effectiveness research to improve the recommendations that we make to Giving What We Can members on which charities to donate to
- Careers research to improve the recommendations we make to members of 80,000 Hours

Skills

The successful applicant will have the following essential skills:

- Experience creating simple mathematical models from scratch
- Understanding of the Centre for Effective Altruism's conception of making a positive impact on the world - namely, thinking rigorously and quantitatively

about the *difference* that one makes, and a willingness to make decisions on the basis of making as great a positive difference as possible.

- Experience and willingness to use argumentation and likelihoods to present research to the wider team
- University-level education in philosophy, mathematics, computer science, physics, economics, or a field that provides similar skills

The successful applicant may have the following desirable skills:

- Experience managing a small team of staff and/or dedicated volunteers
- Experience writing clear, concise and interesting articles on your research for the broadcast media or the blogosphere.